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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1
Director-Designate, Near East/South Asia Analysis
SUBJECT: Israel: Perspectives on Lebanon

Attached is a memorandum on "Israel: Perspectives on Lebanon" prepared at your request. We believe senior Israeli military officials are urging Prime Minister Begin to launch a major attack on the Palestinians in Lebanon. In our judgment, Begin is concerned about potential US and domestic criticism of such a move and wants a clear Palestinian provocation before authorizing such an attack.

cc: DDCI

Attachment: as stated

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